



California New Start will provide a statewide comprehensive employment network for inmates and parolees.

The Office of Community Partnerships has created a partnership with the Employment Development Department, California Workforce Investment Board, and the Local Workforce Investment Boards to accomplish this goal.



TO ENROLL IN:

Pre-Release Transitions Program:

Ask your Counselor about eligibility and assignment to the program as you near your release date.

Community One-Stop Services:

Ask your Agent of Record about eligibility and referral to your local Career Center.

California New Start



**A voluntary program
as you prepare
for release**

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Making the connection



CALIFORNIA NEW START

— Designed to:

- ✓ Link inmate skills and training to labor markets in the community
- ✓ Enhance employability of soon-to-be released inmates and parolees
- ✓ Increase the likelihood of parolees securing and retaining employment



TRANSITION PROGRAM:

This program is a pre-release employment program within designated institutions for eligible inmates. An employment specialist will provide a 4 week, 70 hour core curriculum consisting of:

- Transition planning
- Job search techniques
- Job applications
- Resume writing
- Interview preparation
- Financial literacy
- One-Stop Career Center orientation

These skills are essential for ensuring successful re-entry into the community. This program will provide direct linkages to the local One-Stop Career Centers, and employers willing to hire ex-offenders.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:

CA New Start provides employment education and job opportunities within communities through direct connection to over 200 local One-Stop Career Centers statewide.

Parolees may be referred through their Parole Agent of Record or through attendance at the Parole and Community Team (PACT) meetings.

Services available to each eligible parolee are:

- Job search seminars
- Individual employment plans
- Job development workshops
- Supportive service referrals
- Employment referrals
- Job retention follow-up



One Stop Career Center locations can be accessed at this website:

[http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs and Training/pubs/osfile.pdf](http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/pubs/osfile.pdf)
or ask your Agent of Record about *CA New Start*